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FRENCH PRESS HOSTILE TO BRITISH DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL

REVERTING TO THE GOLD STANDARD

U.S. Joins Small Gold Bloc.
SEVEN NATIONS ON SOME FORM OF GOLD BASIS

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.
Observers have called attention to the fact that the new monetary system is the gold standard to the extent that the Government is ready to maintain the dollar at 59.6 cents and to pay international debts with gold.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau has issued instructions to the Government to purchase gold at U.S.\$35 an ounce, including "imported fine gold bars."

He explained that this meant a fineness of 899, or finer, such as is ordinarily used for the settlement of international balances.

The mint will also purchase other forms of imported gold, such as unrefined or other form of gold than stamped bars, also various kinds of domestic gold and excepting hoarded silver coins.

Observers have called attention to the fact that France, Holland, Poland, Belgium, Switzerland and the United States now have some form of a gold basis.

Italy is considered to be nearly on the gold standard owing to the close management of the lira around its theoretical gold point.
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Heavy Shipments To U.S. Imminent.

GOLD PRICE ALLOWS A PROFIT

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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London, To-day.
Britain has boosted gold to 34.07, despite which heavy shipments to the United States are imminent, since the difference allows for a good profit.

France, however, is determined to maintain a free gold standard. The United States is ready to commence exchange operations. Whether such action has already been taken, is a secret known to only a few.—United Press, per F.C. Gold Bar Co.

MORE GOVERNMENT FINANCING

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New York, To-day.
Some bankers believe that the lowering of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's re-discount rate is preparatory to more Government financing.—United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

LEICESTER WIN OVER R.A.F.

Services' Rugby Tournay Next Saturday.

London, To-day.
Leicester beat the Royal Air Force by 21 points to 11 on their own ground in the only big Rugby Union game yesterday.—Reuter.

The first match in the Services' Triangular Tournament will be played next Saturday when the Royal Navy meet the R. A. F. at Twickenham.

STERLING RESISTS ALL ATTACKS

DOLLAR ALSO STEADY ON EXCHANGE MARKET

MORGENTHAU STILL SECRET ON STABILISATION OPERATIONS

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE UNITED STATES TREASURY SECRETARY, MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, YESTERDAY SAID THAT THE PEGGING OF THE DOLLAR ESTABLISHES THE UNITED STATES ON AN INTERNATIONAL GOLD BULLION STANDARD. THE STANDARD WILL BE IN EFFECT AS LONG AS THE PRESIDENT LEAVES THE PRESENT GOLD REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE.

He refused to comment on the stabilisation operations and the effect of America's policy on world conditions.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

New York, To-day.

Sterling, yesterday, withstood all attacks, whether real or imaginary. The foreign exchange market was confused but sterling early regained its nominal loss and thereafter remained stationary. The dollar failed to decline in relation to gold currencies, and its substantial premium over London gold and the franc made imports of gold on private accounts profitable.

The largest volume of trade since July, 1933, was recorded on the Stock Exchange, 4,600,000 shares changing hands. Government bonds and commodities were strong.—Reuter.

Three Methods For Raising Prices.

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Washington, To-day.
Domestically, the immediate dollar devaluation effects are small.

The Administration hopes, eventually, to increase prices and to restore business through:—

Firstly, expanding credit.

Secondly, the stabilisation prices as much as possible.

Thirdly, to protect America's foreign markets.

The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee has authorised the appointment of 10 monetary experts to assist the United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, to administer the stabilisation fund.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

COMMODITY DOLLAR ABANDONED.

N.Y. Bank Review Fears Inflation.

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New York, To-day.
The National City Bank of New York's review states that the outstanding influence on the trade outlook is the huge Government disbursements.

The U.S. \$6,000,000,000 new financing is easy because the country trusts the Administration, the review states.

The limiting of currency fluctuations tends to restore confidence.

It declares that the Recovery programme's real test will be the Government's ability to halt spending when desirable without causing a business slump.
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FEDERAL RESERVE REDUCES RE-DISCOUNT RATE

New York, To-day.
The New York Federal Reserve Bank has reduced its re-discount rate from two to 1.5 per cent.—Reuter.



"The pirate" reminds Frederic of his duty. A scene from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Pirates of Penzance," which will be presented by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, at the King's Theatre from February 6 to February 10.

QUICK ARREST OF MURDERER

4 Hours After Crime In Shanghai.

DEPARTMENT STORE MANAGER KILLED

Shanghai, To-day.
Smart work by the Settlement police resulted in the arrest yesterday evening of Chin Joo-yen, four hours after he had allegedly murdered Mr. Lee Man-joo, manager of the Sun Sun department store, who had dismissed him from his position of watchman, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Lee Man-joo was found shot dead in a room in the Sun Sun Hotel. He was a native of the Chungshan district of Kwangtung. Leaving for Australia in his youth, he remained in the Commonwealth for about a quarter of a century.

Mr. Lee, who was 53, is survived by a widow and several children. He was a member of the Canton Guild and the Cantonese Union Church.—Reuter.

SWANSEA WIN CUP REPLAY

Bury Beaten By Three Clear Goals.

LEICESTER AND TRANMERE WIN

London, To-day.
Swansea Town reached the last eight in the F.A. Cup yesterday when they won their home replay against Bury by three clear goals to qualify to meet Portsmouth at home in the Fifth Round on February 17.

Leicester recorded a home win over Liverpool in the First Division, while Tranmere's chances of promotion were improved by a home win over Accrington.

The following were yesterday's results:

F. A. Cup—Replay.	
Swansea	3 Bury 0
First Division	
Leicester	1 Liverpool 0
Third Division (North)	
Tranmere	2 Accrington 0

—Reuter.

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ACTION ON SILVER MORE LIKELY

After Gold Plan Begins Operating

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received February 2, 1.01 p.m.)

Washington, To-day.
Observers believe that new plans on behalf of silver are likely as the gold plan begins operating.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

AUSTRIAN ANTI-NAZI CAMPAIGN

Cabinet Disatisfaction With German Attitude

Vienna, To-day.
In consequence of the unsatisfactory German reply to the recent Austrian note the Dollfus Cabinet announces its unanimous agreement to "continue in the path forced upon them by circumstances."

This is interpreted to mean the adoption of the severest anti-Nazi measures and an appeal to the League of Nations.—Reuter.

BRITAIN SWEEP BY GALE

Thrilling Rescue Off Yorkshire Coast.

CHANNEL SERVICES STOPPED

London, To-day.

A fierce northerly gale swept Britain yesterday and was especially violent in the Channel and in the North Sea.

Two of the cross-Channel sailings between Dover and Ostend were cancelled, and lifeboats at Filey, Yorkshire, rescued the crew of the motor vessel "Carcholyde" from the heavy seas.

At Deal, great waves pounded the foreshore and swept over the promenades and roads.—British Wireless Service.

2 DESTROYERS COLLIDE

Warships Damaged At Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, To-day.
The British destroyers Vortigern and Warwick, both belonging to the Fifth Flotilla of the Home Fleet, collided broadside while returning from exercises yesterday.

Both vessels were slightly damaged and have been taken into dry dock.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO IGNORE BRITISH PROTESTS

Will Not Restore Full Quotas.

THREAT OF TRADE WAR

Paris, To-day.

It is understood that France has rejected the British demand for full restoration of the 100 per cent. quotas.

No details of the reply to the British Note are officially disclosed but it is believed that it states that France demands countervailing advantages, as is essential for her to make good the deficit on her commercial balance.—Reuter.

Speaking with "brutal candour" which would leave no possible room for ambiguity, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, Dr. E. L. Burgin, in a speech to the British Chamber of Commerce, last Friday, asserted that the British Government considered the French quota proposals as unacceptable and, in the true spirit of the Anglo-French partnership, he must say that such discrimination would not be tolerated.

The British Minister would notify the French Government of Britain's decision to take action if the policy of discrimination continued, he said.

WIRELESS MAST CRASHES

After Burning For Over 30 Hours.

FIRE AT ADMIRALTY STATION AT GRIMSBY

London, To-day.

The top part of a 450-foot long wireless mast at the Admiralty station at Grimsby crashed to the ground yesterday after burning for over thirty hours, during which time firemen gazed helplessly at the flames in mid-air out of their reach.

The mast was a steel one, with the old type wood core, and fortunately fell clear of the buildings. Flames later burst out at the lower end of the mast, which subsequently collapsed together with the main wire and aerial.—Reuter.

ITALY ALSO CRITICISED

GERMANY WELCOMES EQUALITY

IMPORTANT VIEW BY AMERICA.

LONDON FEARS WIDENING OF FRANCO-GERMAN RIFT

London, To-day.

Official response from other Powers, especially from France and Germany, to the British Disarmament memorandum, is anxiously awaited in London with fervent hope. Second thoughts modify the unofficial reaction which so far suggests the widening of the Franco-German gulf.

Responsible British circles recognise that France is required to make big concessions, but is given valuable compensation. Firstly, that Germany must return to Geneva, and secondly, the acceptance of permanent automatic supervision of arms.

"The French Press is almost unanimously hostile. A typical headline appears in 'L'Œuvre' which states, 'Simultaneous Offensive from London and Rome,' while 'L'Echo de Paris' condemns even the compromise idea on the ground that the middle line gives an unfair advantage to those who have made exaggerated demands.

The Italian Press considers the simultaneous publication of the Anglo-Italian memorandum as proof of a prior agreement between the two Governments.

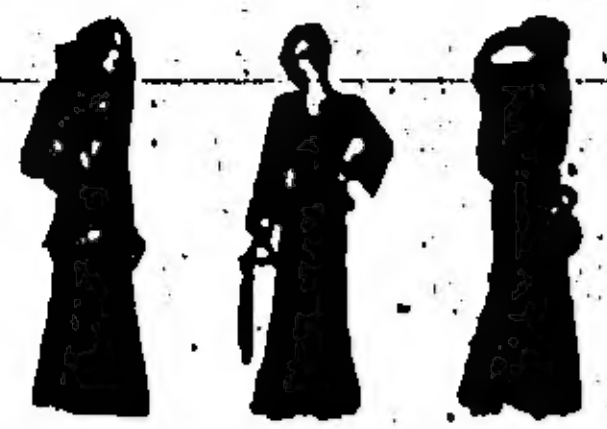
Washington journals state that the British memorandum lies in importance in the official mind, with President Roosevelt's gold proclamation.

Semi-official reports from Berlin state that Germany rejoices over both documents and substantially acknowledges that the claim for equality is therefore serious and a valuable contribution to pacification in Europe.

The German Press prefers the Italian proposal because it omits the reservations about military aircraft and is notably silent on the subject of Germany's return to Geneva.—Reuter.

French Arms Policy Unchanged.

Paris, To-day.
The full text has been published of the French note on disarmament, which was presented to Germany on January 21. It contains neither summaries.—Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



ELEGANCE FOR EVENING.

Skeath Lines And Long Sleeves.

Some of the most striking dresses are those which are made high at the neck for evening. These are nearly all on sleeveless lines and there seems a tendency to divorce the evening dress from the little coat via these higher frocks.

Many of them have elegant long sleeves. These give the impression of being part of the bodice, which may be formed by laying a piece of stuff flat across the neck and then moulding it backwards.

Lelong carries this idea further by allowing the material to develop into wings or a cape at the back, and the arms emerge through large holes in the stuff.

SPORT DRESSES ARE SHORT.

Afternoon Frocks Take New Length.

While evening frocks have grown distinctly longer sports dresses are all fairly short, and some of the afternoon frocks are less long than might be expected, always excepting the cocktail frock, which is ankle-length.

The Heim model shows an only moderately long afternoon frock in black marocain, with a good deal of the openwork which is appearing everywhere this season.

It has a blue bow of comparatively moderate size. Here is the half-length sleeve, the belt at the natural waist, and the bias line across the hip.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Fresh Salmon with Sauce Piquante
Chicken Pie
Baked Mashed Turnips
Oatmeal Girdle Cakes
Golden Syrup

DINNER

Lobster Bisque
Devilled Whitebait Fritters
Boiled Corned Pork
Yeast Dumplings
Baked Stuffed Sweet Potatoes with Nuts and Bacon
Omelette au Rhum

Fresh Salmon with Sauce Piquant
Prepare a mixture of oil, salt, lemon juice, ground cloves and thyme as for a salad dressing, and marinate two one inch thick slices of salmon in it for about 2 hours. Remove the slices and broil under an electric grill. Serve with a sauce piquante made as follows: Into a saucepan put a tablespoon of finely chopped shallots, butter the size of a walnut, a dash of grated nutmeg and 3 tablespoons of vinegar. Stir until clear and add half a pint of fish stock, some chopped gherkins and more pepper and salt. If needed. Boil up and pour over the fish.

Chicken Pie

Boil a young chicken until tender, lift from liquid and when the bird is slightly cool, remove the bones. Put the bones, a sliced onion, some celery and parsley into the broth and boil half an hour, strain, thicken and return the chicken to it. Add a half tin of mushrooms that have been sautéed in butter and season to taste. Line a buttered pudding dish with a short crust rolled thin, put in the chicken and as much gravy as it will hold, slice a hard boiled egg thin over the top also a sprinkling of fried onions, put on the crust making a hole in the centre. Bake until the crust is done and nicely browned.

Baked Mashed Turnips

2 lb. young turnips, 3 oz. butter, 1/2 oz. flour, 1 gill Bechamel sauce, 1/2 pint rich stock, 1 medium sized onion, seasoning, and breadcrumbs. Wash, peel and slice the turnips, put them into cold water with a little salt. Peel and blanch the onion, chop it finely, cook for a few minutes in an ounce of butter, then add the turnips, previously drained, and stir on a hot plate for 15 minutes. Melt an ounce of butter, add the flour and cook a little without browning, moisten with

the stock, and boil up while stirring, cook for 10 minutes, then pour it over the turnips, and simmer for about 1/2 hour. Pass all through a sieve, season to taste with a pinch of sugar, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Arrange in a pile on a gratin dish. Mask with the white sauce, sprinkle with bread-crumbs, and divide the remainder of butter in little bits on top. Bake from 10 to 15 minutes in a hot oven and serve very hot.

Baked Stuffed Sweet Potatoes

Bake 4 large sweet potatoes and when tender cut in halves lengthwise and scoop out the pulp. Mash fine, add salt, paprika and butter to taste and sufficient rich milk so that the mixture may be whipped up. Fold in half a cup of chopped walnut meat, heap into the potato skins and lay a thin slice of bacon across the top of each. Set in a hot oven and serve as soon as the bacon is crisp.

Omelette au Rhum

6 eggs, 2 oz. butter, a small glass rum, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 tablespoon Carnation cream, and a pinch of salt. Break the eggs into a basin, add the salt and sugar, beat up well together with the cream and the rum. Melt the butter in an omelette and when hot, pour in the eggs, etc. Stir, cook fold and brown the omelette to a light colour, turn carefully on to a hot dish, dust with sugar, pour the rum round, light it, and serve immediately.

SALT PRESERVES COLOUR

30 Minutes Soaking In Cold Water

If you are washing a garment that is apt to run, first soak it for half an hour in a bowl of cold water into which a handful of salt has been sprinkled. Then add warm water to the original blend and proceed with the washing. This should be done every time with goods that tend to run, but with delicate pink underthings you have only to do this for the first washing, thereafter using lukewarm water with a delicate soap powder.

ROUGE AS AID TO EYE SPARKLE.

Can Also Be Used For Ears.

Rouge may be used to add sparkle to your eyes in the evening. The thinnest possible streak of rouge marked under the eyebrows gives emphasis to their line. A mere touch of paste rouge in the corners of the eyes nearest the nose will also help.

Tint the earlobes with rouge if your hair is dressed to show them. If your chin is too heavy, a touch of rouge on the curve of it will make it seem less prominent.

Spring Colour Card

Three Distinct Types For 1934.

Colours featured on the new British Colour Council woollen card for the Spring and Summer of 1934 show three distinct types of colouring.

Rich dark shades of rust red, wine colour, and also good dark blues are featured for early spring.

In this category "carnelian red" and "rusty" are important, with "bittersweet," a lovely pomegranate shade, as a delightful innovation for light woollens or knitwear. "Madelra" and "rife red" are deep wine tones and there is a fine range of blues deepening to "cosack" and "commander blue" navy. Later, greys and beiges will come into their own, and form a background for the new pastels, and finally for late Spring, for cruising holiday and sports wear, a third type of colouring is featured under the heading "sun colours."

Shoulder Posies Popular

Wollen jerseys will be worn with formal tailor-mades throughout the coming season. Dresses now have shoulder posies. The flowers are mostly made of silk or feathers.

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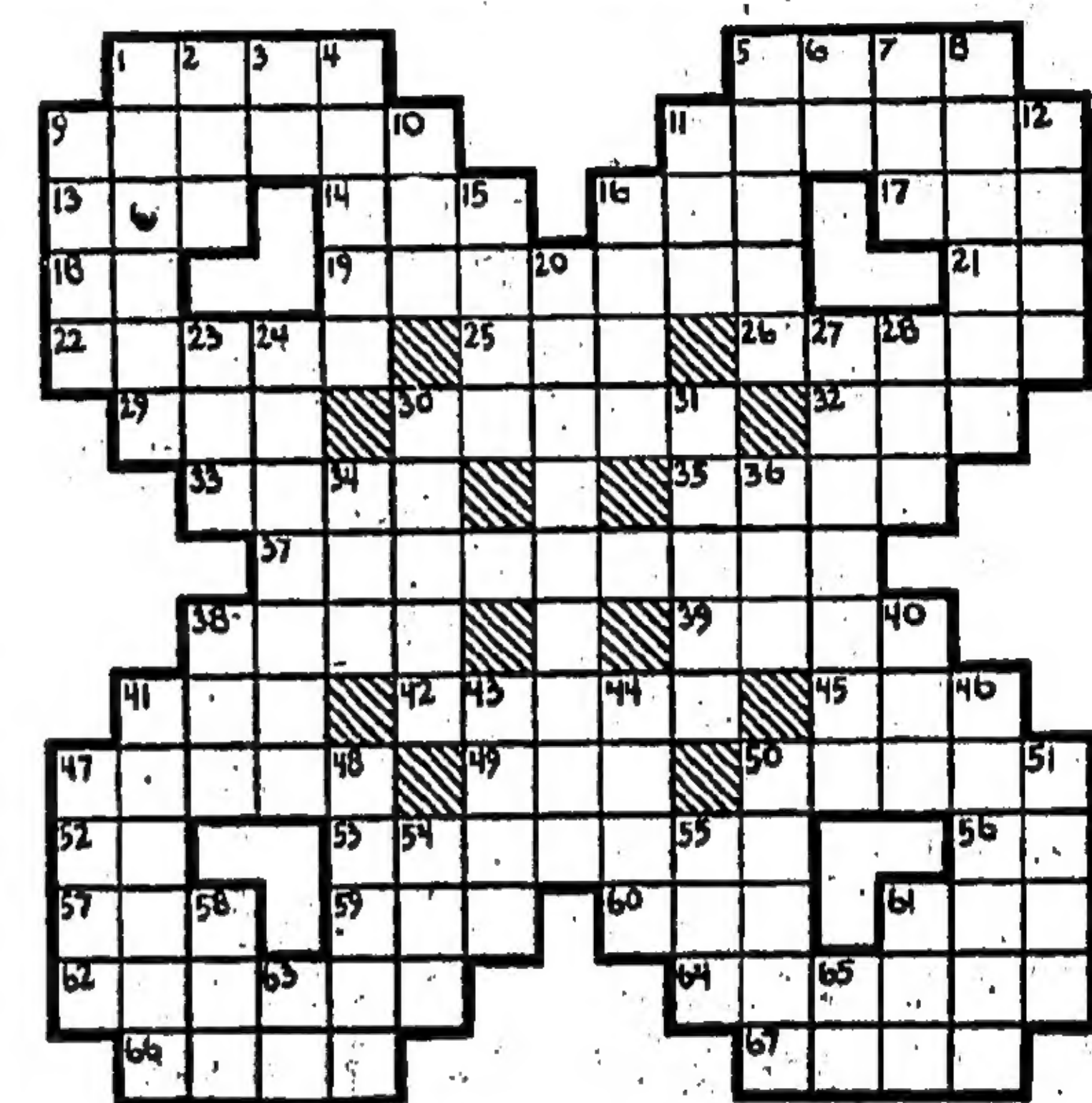
An occasional dose of Pinkettes when needed will keep you fit and happy, preventing all the ills which arise from constipation and liver-fulness, such as headaches, bilious attacks, impure breath, and sallow pimply skin. They also quickly relieve piles. Pinkettes are obtainable at chemists everywhere.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and althe.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Thin
- 5-An opening
- 8-A lady (Sp.)
- 11-Crowded together
- 13-Small lump of butter
- 14-Girl's name
- 16-Kitchen utensil
- 17-Scottish river
- 18-Lip
- 19-Threadbare
- 21-Deposit account (abbr.)
- 22-Taut
- 23-Eternity
- 26-Prussian city
- 28-College yell
- 30-Children (Contemptuously)
- 32-To spread loosely for drying, as flax
- 33-Head of the Roman Catholic Church
- 35-Paradise
- 37-A delicate pink color
- 38-To box
- 39-Guide
- 41-Look
- 42-Splish
- 46-Clear of
- 47-Frighten

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-American Medical Association (abbr.)
- 50-A metal
- 52-A preposition
- 53-Basket suspended from a balloon
- 56-Italian river
- 57-Epoch
- 58-Blind
- 60-Ever (Contr.)
- 61-Goddess of dawn (Gr. Myth.)
- 62-Thawed
- 64-Unfavorable
- 66-Ruminant with antlers
- 67-Eagle

VERTICAL

- 1-Thinner
- 2-An insect
- 3-A negative
- 4-A coin of Denmark
- 6-Compass
- 8-Conjunction
- 7-Uneven
- 9-Covered with reeds
- 9-Stain
- 10-A constellation
- 11-Owns

VERTICAL (Cont.)

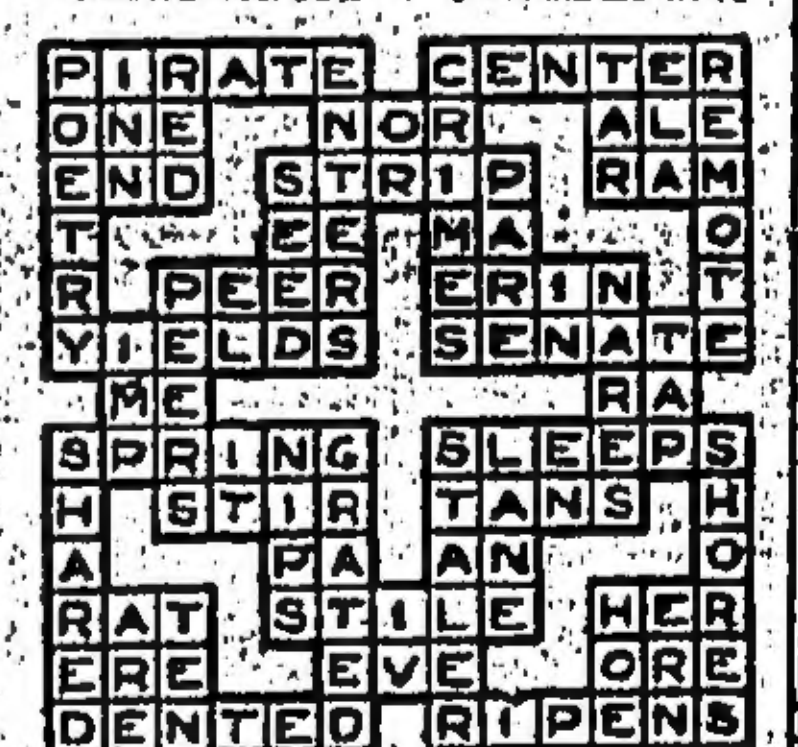
- 12-College official
- 15-Imitator
- 16-Closely confined
- 20-Excelling diagnet
- 23-Doxa
- 24-Purchaser of goods
- 27-Obsolete spelling of steward
- 28-Japanese coin
- 30-A fur-bearing animal (pl.)
- 31-Disposes of by sale
- 34-A vegetable
- 36-Female deer
- 38-Ocean
- 40-Expire
- 41-Notched
- 43-A net fabric
- 44-Wan
- 46-To deprive of official rank
- 47-Stocky part of a plant
- 48-Penetrates
- 50-Assail
- 51-Misplace
- 54-Help
- 55-Grassy meadow
- 56-A beverage
- 58-Tellurium (abbr.)
- 65-Comparative suffix

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Keeping Fit

In the stem of the lettuce is a small quantity of a sleep-producing principle known as "lactucin." To promote sleep take some lettuce at supper-time without vinegar.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



Bringing Up Father.



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Sporting Page

FAST CHINESE FORWARDS WILL TEST INTERPORT HALF BACKS

THE REDSHANK TO THE FORE

Runs Away In The Third Quarter.

CHANCES OF PRIMA DONNA VERY BRIGHT

Soldier Stable And Staleness

(BY RAPIER)

MR. Leo Frost, the champion jockey, took out Mr. F. C. Hall's The Redshank over the Derby distance on the sand track on Wednesday morning, but even with such an accomplished rider up the bay was up to his pulling tricks again. His time of 3.34.0 was the fastest of the morning, and it might have been considerably better but for the fact that the pony broke away into a third quarter of 0.32.1 which was altogether too fast after opening quarters of 0.42.0 and 0.34.4. His fourth quarter was 0.38.4, giving the mile figures as 2.27.4.

Mr. "Ferdie" Soares is showing shrewd judgement in his training of Prima Donna, a likely winner of the Derby, and the black mare is in excellent condition. On Wednesday she was taken over a slow half mile before warming up for a convincing last half mile in 1.02.0 with a finishing quarter of 0.29.0 and a full time for the mile in 2.13.0.

It is a long time since a black won the Derby. I wonder.....

Mr. Dunbar's Oak Bay was given an easy time over the Derby distance on Wednesday, and, frankly, I was disappointed in the grey. He ran badly over the first mile, which he covered in 2.38.1, and finished not too strongly with a last quarter of 0.23.4, and a last half in 1.03.0.

Mr. Li Shiu Pang's Soldier of Britain accomplished the fastest mile among the griffins on Wednesday, clocking 2.12.1 after a first half in 1.09.4. He is certainly a good looking pony, but I do not like the way he is being trained. Excessively fast-work is likely to make the well-fancied "Soldier" string stale before the Meeting.

Mr. "Hobbs" Chow Fan did an impressive mile on Wednesday, clocking 2.17.2 after a slow first half in 1.12.0. The pony finished well in 0.31.2, without being extended. Another sub. which surprised me was Mr. Leader's Copper Idol, which went over a mile in 2.18.2 with a first half in 1.09.2. The pony did not finish too well in his last quarter of 0.33.2 but he gave signs of being a useful entrant over six furlongs.

Mr. Dynasty's King Willow was sent over a slow 1 1/4 miles on Wednesday, the first 3/4 being in 2.04.0 and the full time 3.10.3. The pony has stamina and it would be worth remembering his first serious test over the mile distance or above.

BARROW WINS GAME FOR LIGHT BLUES.

Scores 111 Out Of 185 On Club Ground.

PILCHER 42 OUT OF 60.

Hitting 16 boundaries in his 113, scored out of 185, J. Barrow was mainly responsible for Cambridge University beating Oxford by 3 wickets. In the annual cricket match on the Club ground yesterday.

Barrow, who plays for the Civil Service in the League, was ninth out at 185 after opening the innings.

After having his first ball hit out of the ground by R. H. Griffiths (21) C. R. E. Barrett returned the ball, and after 5 for 80 in the Oxford innings, he was out at 110 for 5. J. G. Pilcher was undefeated at the

AUSTRALIA TO SEEK THE "BODY-LINE" BAN

M.C.C. Invited To Tour

Sydney, To-day.

The Australian Board of Control has decided to submit its new anti-body-line rule to an Imperial Cricket Conference for adoption. The delegates will also apply to the Marylebone Cricket Club for a tour of Australia during the 1936 and 1937 season. Wives will not be allowed to accompany members of the present Australian team to England, and writing in the press and broadcasting by players is banned. —Reuter.

SMITH REPEATS WIN OVER OSMUND.

Scores 1,000 To Local Player's 163.

BREAK OF 230 RECORDED

WILLIE SMITH, Britain's professional billiards champion, gave his best display in Hong Kong last night when he decisively defeated A. J. Osmund, the Colony champion, by 1,000 points to 663 points after conceding Osmund a handicap of 500 points at Lane Crawford's Restaurant.

Osmund failed to reveal his true form and scored very slowly. Smith's best breaks were 70, 137, 230, 63, 109, 258, while Osmund scored a 30 and 49.

Osmund, who was conceded 500 in 1,000 up, reached 966 against Smith in their first encounter at Shamshulpo Camp last Monday, but when given 30 in the game of snooker he proceeded to beat the visitor by 81 to 30.

Smith played against A. T. Lay, the well-known K.C.C. cricketer, on Wednesday night at the Hong Kong Club and won by a huge margin after scoring a 200 break when left a double baulk at the commencement.

Willie Smith will meet M. N. Rakusen, the K.C.C. champion, at the Kowloon Cricket Club this evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Rakusen, who beat R. P. Phillips for his title, made a break of 90 on Tuesday night and followed it up with one 85 on the following night.

This will be Smith's farewell match as he leaves for Shanghai after the match.

CLUB FAVOURED AGAINST K.C.C.

Kilbee To Assist Junior XI

STRONGEST SIDE ON VIEW

L. D. KILBEE, who sustained a painful blow over the eye when battling against the Civil Service a fortnight ago, is playing in league cricket again to-morrow.

Tom Hayward has wisely decided to allow Kilbee to play his first match, since his injury, with the second eleven, and he will be seen out against the K.C.C. on the K.C.C. ground. He played against the Medical Corps in his only other league game for the second eleven and scored 8.

With a good chance of winning the junior title the Club are favoured to win to-morrow's game. They have their strongest side on view.

The following is the Club team: H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, C. R. Gahan, J. D. Hunter, J. E. Jupp, L. D. Kilbee, L. E. Lammert, A. D. Layton, A. K. Mackenzie, J. E. Smith, and E. T. Taber.

Close of the Oxford innings with 45, scored out of 60 while he was at the crease. He hit six boundaries.



H.K. LADIES TO ENCOUNTER RECREIO "A"

Mrs. Adams Brought In At Forward.

HARD TASK FOR CAER CLARK CUP CHAMPIONS

(BY STICKS)

The second half of the Caer Clark Cup Ladies' Hockey Competition will commence to-morrow when four of the strongest teams in the series are taking part in important matches.

The following are the games: H.K. Ladies v. Recreio "A"; "Y" Ladies v. St. Andrew's; C.B.A. Ladies v. C.B.S.

The Hong Kong Ladies, who received their first check last Saturday when they were held surprisingly to a draw by a weakened "Y" Ladies eleven, will meet with strong opposition in the Recreio "A" at Sookunpoo.

Defeated only by the St. Andrew's Ladies, the Recreio seniors are expected to give the champions a good fight in to-morrow's match. They are fielding the same team as that which lost to the Saints last Saturday.

The Hong Kong Ladies' are making one change in the forward line, Mrs. A. Adams playing at left wing in place of Mrs. B. Goldman.

The following are the teams: H.K. Ladies—M. Bird; E. M. Gray, B. Holbling; M. Wallace; B. Pope, Mrs. M. K. Lowe; E. Bell, J. Daisel, E. Bonnar, J. Churchill and Mrs. S. Adams.

Recreio "A"—B. D'Almeida; M. Basto, C. Osmund, L. Xavier, M. Alves, L. Silva-Netto; M. Remedios, A. Alves, C. Silva, M. Roza and C. Botelho.

"Y" Without Miss McCaw Against Saints

The "Y" Ladies, who will meet the St. Andrew's Club for the second time, will be further weakened by the loss of Miss P. McCaw, who is leaving for Australia to-morrow. Miss McCaw has filled the position at centre-forward very admirably since the team lost Mrs. Read, being a goal-scorer in every match. She was responsible for the goal which enabled the "Y" to share the points with the Hong Kong Ladies last Saturday.

The St. Andrew's team, which has played unchanged throughout the season, are starting their second round. They defeated the "Y" in the first encounter by 3 goals to nil, and are favoured to carry off the points again.

The following are the teams: St. Andrew's—Mrs. R. Rose; E. Landell, G. White, M. Churn, J. Wong, L. Wolley; F. Wong, I. Rogers, M. Wolley, L. Gittins and P. Gittins.

"Y" Ladies—J. Weller; Mrs. Portallion, A. Fowler; B. Blumenthal, E. Thomson, M. Gardiner, V. Bradbury, R. Blackmore, M. Glendenning, T. Dennis and O. Brown.

C.B.A. Expected To Win Over C.B.S.

The Central British Association Ladies will meet the Central British Schoolgirls in the second round of the Competition at King's Park, and both teams are unchanged.

The Ladies who won the first encounter by 4 goals to 2, are favoured to win their third game in seven matches.

The following are the teams: C.B.A.—Mrs. Webber; P. Wolley, F. K. Walker, M. Bryson, E. Beavis, L. Dunne, D. Hunt, M. Whitley, E. Woolley, M. Smith and Mrs. Miles; C.B.S.—D. Moss; E. Ingram, J. Bryson, J. G. Chaffoy, M. McCaw, J. Lockman; E. Kall, L. Hickey, J. Booker, J. Booker, and R. Bonessan.

League Table To Date

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	0	12	4	10
H.K. Ladies	4	2	1	1	11	5	7
Recreio "A"	4	2	1	1	11	5	7
"Y" Ladies	4	1	2	1	10	6	4
C.B.A.	4	2	2	0	10	5	6
C.B.S.	4	1	2	1	5	13	3
Recreio "B"	4	1	1	2	5	13	3

TO-MORROW'S TRIAL FOR SELECTED XI

TAM-GOSANO WING WILL BE WELL WATCHED

WHY LI WAS NOT CHOSEN

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

A very strong Combined Chinese football team has been selected to meet the Colony's Interport soccer team to-morrow at Sookunpoo. In the first real test for the Interporters.

The Interport team has been altered since its selection, McHardy, the reserve goalkeeper, taking Pau Ka-ping's place between the sticks.

The Combined Chinese defence is practically that of S. China, with the exception of the centre half position, which is filled by Hor Chor-yin of the Athletic.

In Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau and Leung In-chun and Tong Kwan, the Interport forward line will meet with perhaps the strongest opposition available, while Hor Chor-yin should be able to keep a check on A. V. Gosano.

MISS BROWN TO LEAD "Y" LADIES

Miss Weller Elected Vice-Captain.

CONSTITUTION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

(BY STICKS)

MISS O. Brown is the new "Y" Ladies' hockey captain, and Miss J. Weller is the vice-captain.

The election, which was made last night, was made necessary due to the fact that Miss S. Daisel, the former skipper, is unavailable for the rest of the season, and Mrs. Portallion, the vice-captain is shortly going on home leave.

Miss R. Blackmore and Miss B. Blumenthal were elected on to the Selection Committee in conjunction with the captain vice-captain, and Miss A. Fowler, the Hon. Secretary.

Recreio "B" To Play H.K. Ladies.

The Club de Recreio Ladies "B" who are the only other team in the competition without a fixture will play the Hong Kong Ladies' second eleven in a friendly encounter at Happy Valley, at 8 p.m.

The following are the teams: Recreio "B"—G. Roza; O. Botelho, T. Noronha, Y. Brito, E. Rosario, M. Xavier, M. Westhaus, A. M. Other, L. Botelho, A. Almeida, and M. Figueiredo.

Hong Kong Ladies' 2nd XI—P. V. Masters; Blackburn, J. Smalley; A. Jacks, D. Robertson, R. Smalley; M. Bishop, D. Whyte, M. Smalley, B. Goldman and R. King.

CHAMPIONS BEAT SAINTS 3-0.

Losers Throw Away Opportunities.

THE Hong Kong Ladies' defeated the St. Andrew's Ladies by 3 goals to nil in a friendly hockey encounter on the Marina ground yesterday.

The Saints had much of the play in the first half, but were erratic in the goal-mouth, missing many opportunities. The Hong Kong Ladies' reversed the play in the second half when they netted three times through Mrs. Goldman, Miss E. Bonnar and Miss C. Ferguson.

H.K. Ladies—M. Bird; P. Thorpe, B. Franklin, D. Robertson, Owen, Hughes, B. Hance, E. Bell, B. Goldman, E. Bonnar, J. Churchill and C. Ferguson.

St. Andrew's Ladies—P. Everett, G. White, E. Landell, M. Churn, J. Wong, L. Wolley, F. Wong, I. Rogers, M. Wolley, L. Gittins and P. Gittins.

The St. Andrew's Club were in great form yesterday when they defeated the Hong Kong Ladies by 3 goals to nil. The match was played on the Marina ground, and the Hong Kong Ladies' were defeated in the first half and the second half.



BORDERERS MAY DEFEAT THE LINCOLNS

100 Per Cent Record At Stake

NAVY SHOULD BEAT KOWLOON

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

The most important League game to-morrow will be the Third Division encounter between the Lincoln, 100 per cent. champions, and the Borderers, who should offer them their stoutest resistance to date.

The Lincolns have attained a brilliant record and have come through their fixtures with flying colours, proving themselves the best Third Division team in the past five years.

The Borderers have, however, improved tremendously and are likely to shatter the Lincolns' fine record.

In the Second Division the Club and the Artillery meet in their second encounter, the first of which went in favour of the Club by two clear goals.

The Gunners are now a much improved team, and are likely to turn the tables on the Civilians.

Lincolns v. Y. Indians

The Lincolns match against the Young Indians should be fairly interesting as both teams have creditable successes to their account.

The Young Indians have victories over the Navy and Borderers, while the Lincolns ruined their chances when they went under to the Club when at the peak of their form.

Kowloon should be able to field a fairly strong side against the Navy, who have been further depleted by the departure of the Berwick from port, but in spite of this I predict a Navy win.

The "derby" game of the day will be provided at Caroline Hill when South China clash with the Athletic in the Second Division.

South China are now at the top of the League table and should retain their position with a comfortable win over the Athletic, who, in spite of winning the Divisional honours last season, have deteriorated badly this season and have fallen against some of the weakest teams.

The following is my forecast, giving the scores of previous games this season:

Saturday.

INTERPORT TRIAL

INTERPORT XI v. Combined Chinese (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon (1) v. NAVY (11) (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)
Y. Indians (0) v. LINCOLNS (2) (Happy Valley, 2.45 p.m.)
Club (2) v. ARTILLERY (0) (Club, 2.30 p.m.)
S. CHINA (2) v. ATHLETIC (0) (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

University (3) v. R.E. (4) (Valley, 4.15 p.m.)
Recreio (0) v. RADIO (3) (King's Park, 2.45 p.m.)
Borderers (0) v. LINCOLNS (5) (Happy Valley, 2.45 p.m.)
S. CHINA (3) v. R.A.F. (0) (Happy Valley, 2.45 p.m.)

KOWLOON MARATHON ASPIRANT

Pte. Smith of the Lincolns, who won the Kowloon Marathon last year, is already indulging in early training for this year's race. Other aspirants are also working hard.

Noble Not In Agreement with Aussie XI

Scottish XV To Meet Wales To-morrow.

BOXER HOLES TEE SHOT AT 320 YARDS

Britain's New Doubles Pair

(BY ROVER)

M. A. NOBLE, the famous former Australian cricket captain, made the following forecast of the Australian team to tour England this Summer:

W. M. Woodfull, W. H. Ponsford, H. Ebeling, L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith, L. Darling, B. Barnett, V. Y. Richardson, H. C. Nitschke, T. W. Wall, C. V. Grimmett, D. G. Bradman, A. Kippax, W. A. Oldfield, W. J. O'Reilly, S. J. McCabe, E. H. Bromley.

The side differs in that W. Brown A. Chipperfield was preferred to V. Y. Richardson and H. C. Nitschke.

Beaten by 6 points to nil by England in their first match Wales will meet the following Scottish fifteen in Edinburgh tomorrow:

Brown (London Scottish); Shaw (Glasgow High School); Dick (Glasgow High School); Dick (Glasgow High School); Lind (Dunfermline); (Captain); Fyfe (Cambridge); Jackson (Oxford); Logan (Edinburgh Wanderers); Burnett (West of Scotland); Lambie (Glasgow High School); Rowan (Glasgow High School); Murray (Cambridge); Beattie (Hawick); Stewart (Stewart's College); Thom (London Scottish); Waters (Selkirk). —New Caps.

The Chinese Olympic committee have elected C. T. Wang chairman of the delegation to the Far Eastern Olympics to be held at Manila sometime in May, and have voted an appropriation of \$150,000 (Mex) for the expenses of the 150 athletes, who will participate in the Olympic Games at Manila.

The bout between Cleo Locatelli and Tony Canzoneri, scheduled for January 25 was definitely postponed because Locatelli is suffering from an attack of influenza, it was announced to-day.

The encounter is to be second between the two. In December last year the pair met, with Canzoneri emerging victor by a 10-round decision.

Len Hall, a well-known South African amateur boxer, who represented South Africa at the British Empire Games at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930, and won the welter-weight title, has had the distinction of getting what is believed to be the longest "hole in one" ever recorded.

During a competition at Kimberley Hall he hit his tee strokes at the eighth, measuring 820 yards. The par for the hole is 4. There was light following wind, the course being in good condition. Hall's ball just trickled down the slope towards the green with enough way on it to reach the edge of the cup, where it hesitated before dropping in.

S. N. Dost, the tennis critic, says England must have a new doubles pair for next year's Davis Cup competition. He suggests the return of Dr. J. C. Gregory, but does not mention L. G. Collins, the Scot, as a possible partner. Gregory and Collins are undefeated in Davis Cup doubles matches.

The coming English women's golf season appears to be full of interest, and there is every indication that we shall have plenty of excellent golf from the young school. There should be homeric battles between Miss Finwick, Miss Pearson, Miss Rhynon and Miss Morgan in the South (states Enid Wilson, the champion in Golf Monthly), and it seems likely that Miss Johnson will carry on the famous Yorkshire tradition in the North.

D. Halliday has been transferred from Manchester City to Clapton Orient. A native of Dunfermline, he played for Duns, Sunderland and the Arsenal before going to Manchester in 1930. The Arsenal paid £5500 for his transfer.

At the conclusion of the New Zealand Championship at Wanganui it was announced that the New Zealand Ladies Golf Union had decided to send Miss G. Kay and Miss B. Tealford to take part in the British Women's Open Championship, which is being played at Royal Portlough, Dublin, next week. Miss Kay had been champion in 1930.

LOCAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday.

SIR W. HORNE Elected President

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Society of St. George was held yesterday in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, president, was in the chair, and among the members present were Sir William Horne and the Hon. Sir Thomas Southern.

Moving the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Bulmer Johnson said:

The General Funds show a balance of \$4,692.12, being an increase of \$637.70 when compared with 1932. In that year our income amounted to \$1,856—and we were forced to transfer an amount of \$715.99 from the Entertainment Fund to obviate the necessity of realising a portion of the Society's investments to meet the expenditure.

During the year under review however, our income totalled \$2,431.70, the increase being mainly due to special donations by members which amounted to \$736, and as Grants and Donations were \$1,168.29 against a figure of \$1,853.58 last year, I think we may consider the position generally as satisfactory.

The 1933 Ball Account shows a profit of \$531 which amount has been transferred to the Entertainment Fund.

Election Of Officers.

The office bearers elected for the current year were as follows:

President.—Sir William Horne, C.I.E.

Vice-President.—Mr. V. M. Grayburn.

Committee.—Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Mr. J. D. Danby, Mr. J. Scott-Harston, Mr. V. C. Labrum, Mr. R. E. H. Oliver, Mr. A. B. Raworth, the Hon. Sir W. T. Southern, K.B.E., C.M.G., and Mr. G. G. N. Tinson.

Arrangements for the celebration of the next St. George's Day were left in the hands of the incoming committee.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING.

Sunday's Pairings.

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling on Sunday:—

OLD COURSE

9.28 a.m. T. H. A. McCarthy A. McKellar.
9.32 " A. C. I. Bowker V. R. Gordon.
9.36 " N. L. Smith, E. D. Matthews.
9.40 " E. des Voeux A. W. Muir.
9.44 " R. H. Griffiths I. G. Allison.
9.48 " A. MacFarlane G. Milne.
9.52 " J. P. Warren W. Wright.
9.56 " H. N. Williamson J. Forbes.
10.00 " A. B. Purves T. B. Chassels.
10.04 " G. F. Rees P. S. Grant.
10.08 " A. Kidd W. N. A. Smalley.
10.12 " C. G. F. Hole A. Ritchie.
10.16 " H. C. Hopkins E. M. Bryden.
10.20 " W. J. S. Key G. B. S. Thomson.
10.24 " T. J. & E. R. Price.
10.28 " H. F. Phillips J. M. Gray.
10.32 " A. W. Hodges C. G. Marable.
10.36 " D. J. Keogh H. S. Forster.
10.40 " C. B. Matthews E. F. Clark.
10.44 " T. Butler N. K. Littlejohn.
10.48 " R. Young W. A. Stewart.
10.52 " W. A. Butterfield W. A. Cornell.
10.56 " A. H. Penn H. C. Mecke.
11.00 " H. H. Beddow H. G. Wallington.
11.04 " W. Greaves.
11.08 " R. H. Wild A. Sommerfeldt.
11.12 " T. B. Whyte Smith D. S. Edwards.
11.16 " C. H. Bradley J. W. Mayhew.
11.20 " E. Davidson A. B. Raworth.
11.24 " Major Eastwick Field Capt. Mitchell.
11.28 " K. S. Robertson D. S. Robb.

NEW COURSE

9.32 a.m. Mrs. Whyte Smith Miss Curdin.
9.36 " L. H. Geare, L. R. Andrews.
9.40 " Mrs. Smalley Mrs. Wilson.
9.44 " A. E. Lissaman W. Mulcahy.
9.48 " R. B. Stellingwerf R. A. Rodgers.
10.00 " R. A. Campbell H. Hampton.
10.04 " D. Gordon H. H. Pethick.
10.08 " T. C. Monaghan H. R. Mundy.
10.12 " F. and Mrs. Syme Thompson.
10.16 " A. M. Parker J. Coulthart.
10.20 " H. B. Day M. N. Cootes.
10.24 " H. S. Dinale A. C. Young.
10.28 " S. S. Perry A. D. Coppin.

Unsuccessful in ballot for old course.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The marriage took place yesterday at the Supreme Court of Mr. Geza Sator of the Palm Court, Nathan Road, to Miss Sarolta Engel, formerly of the Repulse Bay Hotel, Hong Kong. Colonel F. Eaves, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

There will be a dinner dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow night and a tea dance on Sunday afternoon, at 4.30.

Major-General Itagaki, of the Japanese Army, was a passenger for the Colony to-day by the President Jackson.

Mr. R. I. Cherrill, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company Ltd., returned to Hong Kong this morning from Manila by the s.s. President Jackson.

Mr. A. F. Crawford, of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, returned to Hong Kong this morning from Shanghai by the s.s. President Harrison.

The forthcoming marriage between Ernest Duncan Holmes, Master Mariner, of the Peninsula Hotel, and Mary Frances de la Sala, of New Street, Macao, County Cork, Ireland, is announced.

Among the passengers who disembarked from the s.s. President Harrison this morning were Mr. and Mrs. L. P. S. Bourne. Mr. Bourne is the Calcutta manager of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.

Ng Hee, an unemployed Chinese, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing 11 milk bottles, the property of the Dairy Farm Company, at Queen Victoria Street.

For driving dangerously in Connaught Road West, Leung Chai, a lorry driver, was fined \$10 at the Central Police Court this morning. It was stated that he travelled at over 20 m.p.h. through an area which was crowded with pedestrians.

Mr. Richard McDonnell, manager of McDonnell and Gorman, Inc., of Shanghai, was a passenger for the Colony by the s.s. President Harrison which arrived this morning. Mr. McDonnell is on a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Garvey of Chicago, are through passengers on the s.s. President Harrison, on a world tour. Mr. Garvey is a retired Vice-President of the Bell Telephone Company of Chicago, U.S.A.

For stealing 6 pieces of clothing from 50 Stanton Street, first floor, Wu Hing, unemployed, was bound over by Mr. Balfour, at the Central Magistracy this morning, in a personal bond of \$50 to be of good behaviour for the next six months.

Banished for life in connection with a kidnapping case, a Chinese woman, Wo Yin, who was arrested in West Point yesterday, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. Hamilton, at the Central Police Court this morning, for returning to the Colony.

The Hong Kong Afternoon Tea Service Company of Whiteaway Building, Des Voeux Road Central, announce that they have established an afternoon tea service delivery to meet the wants of office workers who are unable to spare the time to go out for their afternoon cup of tea or coffee.

A further broadcast talk on "Safety First" was given last night by "Owner Driver," his remarks being intended for motorists only, the points dealt with being keeping to the proper side of the road, overtaking, and signalling when turning or slowing down.

The body of Mr. Y. Isama, Chief Officer of the O.R.K. steamer Sumatra Maru, who was killed by a huge wave which came aboard as the vessel was on her way from Singapore to Hong Kong, was cremated yesterday at the local Japanese crematorium. The Sumatra Maru will convey his ashes back to Japan when she sails to-morrow.

LITERARY NOTES

POET CRITICS OF WAR

Five New Books Of Verse.

MR. SASSOON'S SATIRE

The End of a War. By Herbert Read. (Faber, 2s. 6d.).
The Road to Ruin. By Siegfried Sassoon. (Faber, 2s. 6d.).

Summer Harvest. Poems, 1924-1933, by John Drinkwater. (Sidgwick and Jackson, 5s.).
Poems and Ballads. By Shane Leslie. (Benn, 6s.).

The Spirit of Youth and other Poems. By Margaret Stephens. (Blackwell, 2s. 6d.).

Mr. Herbert Read has lately been chiefly occupied with criticism. His new poem (his first book of verse for a number of years) is a criticism of war—criticism in the widest sense.

He does not condemn; he shows us war as it appears to three victims—a German officer dying for the image of empire; a murdered French girl, martyr in the service of her country; and an English officer who, surviving, seeks to reconcile the fact of war with the idea of God. Mr. Read is a clever critic, but a critic too apt to stop short just where criticism becomes vital. His poetry has something of the same fault. It is sensitive but not important; it stops short of the essential point.

Like Mr. Read, Mr. Sassoon is still thinking about the war; but he has achieved none of the critic's detachment. There was a time when his emotions roused him to poetry beyond his natural abilities. That time is past, and now Mr. Sassoon seems to be living on the memory of anger. Six of the seven poems in "The Road to Ruin" are in his satirical manner:

Our request
Is to rebuild, for what they died for
Is a sake,
A bomb-proof roofed Metropolis,
and to make
Gas-drill compulsory. Dulce et decorum est....
Competent, but really not very good.

Substitute For Sin
After the desperate honesty of Mr. Sassoon, Mr. Drinkwater's "Summer Harvest" (poems on all occasions) has a professional air. Indeed, it is professional. Mr. Drinkwater knows his job—writing verse guaranteed to disturb nobody. And here are nearly 200 pages of it; like cocoa, full of health-giving rest.

Mr. Shane Leslie is not so restful. He finds a poem "a good substitute for sin." With some writers it is not a substitute but the same thing; his lively Irish poems and ballads absorb Mr. Leslie from that. The book is unequal, genuine, provocative and sometimes passionate; occasionally, but not often, very bad indeed.

Miss Margaret Stephens is sincere and not at all professional. Her verse expresses a pleasing sensibility which deepens now and then to devotion; the phrasing is neat and the imagery graceful. Here, for instance, is a pretty piece:

Though I am old and fancy-free,
O Flower of Heaven, take root in me.
Eternal Youth and winsome Grace,
Find in my life a dwelling-place:
Or, art Thou an elusive thing
Tethered within the heart of Spring?

NEW READABLE THRILLERS.

Idiotic Heroes And Heroines

Two very readable thrillers are "S.S. Murder" and "One More Chance," with the preference to the former. "S.S. Murder," though offered as a detective story, is in spirit much more akin to the thriller.

It is quietly and convincingly written, with a neat little problem, and the only criticism is that the neat little problem is never really resolved; we are given no answer for instance, to the very important question of how the poison ever got into the glass at all. "One More Chance" is the heroine's behalf even more idiotically than usually but if they did not there would have been no story, and as they did there was not that is that.

GOD'S WAY WITH THREE PERSONS

Notable Novel By Janet Beith.

ROMANCE AT A MANSE

ROMANCE AT A MANSE. "No Second Spring" by Janet Beith, Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.

Have you read a delightful poem by A. P. Herbert in which he invites his lady love:—

"Harriet, hill
Light of my eye!
Come to the pictures
And have a good cry?"

Well, one can recommend a less public way of having a good cry and that is to read "No Second Spring" by Janet Beith.

That is not meant to imply that this book is written on "sob-stuff" lines. On the contrary, it is very restrained in matter and manner, the story of a Scottish clergyman and his little wife. Whether it is a true story or not—and the illusion of truth is very convincing—it is at all events a very likely story, when you consider the date and the circumstances.

The story opens in a snow-storm and gale, and ends on a blustery day with gusts of biting winds tearing up from the Firth. Poor Allison seems to have had very few fine days in her life and one of those was the day on which she went for a picnic with Andrew Simon, a stray artist who stayed at the Manse for a season and who fell in love with her.

She fell in love with him, too, of course, but, like Candida, she stayed where she was needed most and sent him away. Unlike Candida, however, her husband did not even know that her fancy had strayed.

Fine Characterisation

The character of Hamish, the Minister, is as interesting in its ruthlessness as is Allison's in its softness. He is completely incapable of realising that there is any other point of view than his. He is in the pleasing position (for him) of never doubting that he is right in all he thinks and does. His wife's heroic shouldering of her part of the burden is only very occasionally noticed by this pathetic egotist and yet he is aware that without her his life would be even more difficult job than it is.

His naive appreciation of the fact that marriage is intended for the procreation of children leads him to produce ten—three of whom die in the course of the story—but does not make him affectionate to them. He is in the position of God to them and as his God to him is a hard and terrible master, so is he to his children. His wife's lapses into loving motherhood he regards as unpardonable frivolity. No review would be complete without a mention of the illustrations. Hamish and his daughter Jean and Allison's last glimpse of Andrew are the best, perhaps, but all the pictures and the chapter heads add greatly to the delight of reading a really notable novel.

ENGLAND'S EASTERN PROVINCE

R. H. Mottram's Book On East Anglia

East Anglia. By R. H. Mottram. (Chapman and Hall, 2s. 6d.).

This account of England's eastern province is written by one of her talented sons. Mr. Mottram was born in East Anglia, and his forebears lived in East Anglia for many generations. The region has seeped into his blood, and all that it has meant to him and given to him is here rendered back in grateful thanks for his birthright.

He shows us a region that has never been hammered by the harder and more disfiguring blows of industrial progress, but yet has maintained a quiet prosperity, a region with which time has, for long been busy, but always gently. It is a region that has inspired some great paintings, and Mr. Mottram does justice to that, as he does to its common people, a little aloof, sturdy in independence, finding virtue rather than obliquity in the name "provincial."

It is altogether a charming book, apt to illustrate East Anglia and the East Anglian for the stranger, and no less to be welcomed by the native as a statement of his creed and customs.

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, February 2, 1934.

Clients For The League.

The League of Nations, abused and abandoned by more than one country which feels no need of advice or assistance, has still those who turn to it when their troubles appear insoluble. If their turning has the semblance of an act of despair, that is no reason for repulsing them. It is precisely for perplexed penitent such recourse is best suited. To that condition, after indecisive warfare and abortive negotiations, have Bolivia and Paraguay been brought in the course of their dispute over the Gran Chaco. This forbidding and largely unexplored area has for many years provided these two lands with a cause of enmity and often open hostility, due entirely to the fact that possession of the territory carries with it the control of the upper La Plata system—an important consideration to land-locked States. Fighting, at first informal and then by declaration, has been going on in the Gran Chaco for the last year and a half, with no result worth mentioning beyond mutual slaughter. More than once during that period neutrals have attempted to effect a pacification and as far back as May last the League appointed a Commission to investigate the case. Its labours, none too speedily, have now been in some measure fruitful. A truce, was arranged by the Commission, operative until the end of December. Advantage was taken of the lull to bring the whole question before the seventh conference of Pan-American Republics, at Montevideo. Here, it was hoped, an understanding atmosphere would be found in which a lasting peace could be established. This final success, however, has not been won. The conference, after every effort of its own, was able only to hand, in its last sitting, the whole Gran Chaco problem over to the League of Nations. The League has now to review it "ab initio" in the hope of achieving something more than Uruguay and her assembled sisters were able to accomplish. One of the conference delegates declared, "We turn over to the League what we are incapable of settling"—a confession of that perplexity to which we have already referred. Out of such comments as that (and also out of the obvious facts of the situation, the League may make what material it chooses. To him it will appear that nothing more is being

offered to the League—and that only as a last resort—than the chance to effect, on a microscopic scale, a seeming solution already made likely by exhaustion. In no such way, he will add, do the great Powers themselves submit to the League. If the super-realist expresses himself thus we can hardly wonder at him; but we can at least contend that the situation is not entirely hopeless. The League exists, and can still function efficiently on behalf of those who accept its good offices in a proper spirit. If smaller nations accept its guidance, they may thereby give the larger good reason to envy their prudence. As for the notion that the League could and would use force to supplement its decisions, that was never a tenable theory to thoughtful minds. It is certainly curious that the loudest demands for the League to initiate what would practically amount to hostilities, first against Japan and later against Germany, came from professional pacifists who have hitherto done their best to make and keep authority impotent. While congratulating, however, the League of Nations on a moral victory, we have still to remember that that victory is as yet only half won. A decision has next to be made, and then—most momentous step of all—the contending parties have to be persuaded to accept it. That may not be easy; the risk must be squarely faced. It is unpleasantly significant that the same cabled message which conveyed the news of the final agreement to leave the matter with the League also contained a statement that even since the truce was announced there have been charges from both sides of flagrant violations. Those ten-year truces with the infidel that made Wamba the jester feel such an old man, recur somewhat sadly to mind. Human nature remains from one century to another its unpleasing habit of breaking agreements in the hour of passion. Paper pledges count for little against instabilities of character. "In Catalonia," said its dying President, "there is neither faith nor union." Simon Bolivar, that hero of South American independence after whom Bolivia itself was named, declared when viewing the visible results of his labours, "We have ploughed the sands." Fortunately for the world, though its leaders so often pass away disillusioned, fresh hopes are born with fresh generations. Some of those hopes must in part at least be fulfilled, or this race itself will perish. The ideals which cluster round the League of Nations are worth fostering, if only for our own preservation. Bolivar have idealism and the latest self-protection drawn so evidently into one.

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

Popular Keats

The present popularity in America of Keats brings a reminder that interest in the poet is increasing, too, in his native country.

Mr. Lionel McColvin, chief librarian of the Borough of Hampstead and a Keats expert, states that the number of visitors to Keats's house at Hampstead grows by thousands each year.

"Americans make pilgrimages in plenty," he said, "partly because they consider there is a sort of family connection on the grounds of Keats's brother having settled permanently in America. But English people come, too. They are not mere sightseers. Most of them are Keats scholars, who return again and again for a specific purpose."

"Volumes of his poems at the library show a demand, among poets, second only to Shakespeare."

The Ten Commandments

Which is the most important of the Ten Commandments?

A vote on the question has resulted in the fifth Commandment being placed first by a large majority.

It is, of course:

Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

The pool was held at Simmons College, Boston, U.S., and the voters were all women.

"Thou shalt not kill" came second, and "Thou shalt not steal" third.

Last in the ballot was: "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy."

Your Daily Smile.

CHEER UP, BROTHER

A big insurance company estimates that a bachelor lives five years, three months, and nine days longer than a married man. Well, that's one bit of consolation married men have, anyway.

In Sympathy

Seeing the bailiffs, who had been sent by his landlord to serve a summons for rent, coming down the garden path, Jones barred and locked his door and prepared to hold the fort at all costs.

The bailiffs knocked twice, and when there was no response they pushed the summons under the door.

Quick as thought Jones blew it back again with his bellows.

Again the bailiffs pushed it under, and again Jones sent it back.

This happened several times until finally one of the men picked up the summons and said to his companion:

"Come on, let's take this back to the landlord. I wouldn't pay any rent, either, if I had to live in a draughty old house like this."

DEPRESSING DIALOGUE

"My wife's teeth are like stars."
"You mean her eyes, or boy?"
"No, of, man, I mean teeth—they come out at night."

LUMP OF LIFE

The first year after they were married she worried terribly when he was out late. She loved him so well. All the years after that she worried terribly when he was out late. She knew him so well.

SPEEDING UP

A plumber in America has turned boxer. Perhaps he won't take so long now to come round.

STRANGE GIFT

A woman knows instinctively that she is right—whether she is or not.

Facts You Did Not Know

The legs of a new table are adjustable for length so that by shortening any of them it can be used in connection with a bed or other piece of furniture.

India, Burma and Ceylon together have approximately 678 motion picture theatres, of which 187 are equipped to reproduce sound films, all but ten of them, using American equipment.

A California engineer has constructed a diving apparatus on which scuba divers are trained for efficiency and are observed by men standing behind glass screens to shield them from the water.

FILMS OF NUDIST COLONIES

AMAZING NEW STUNT IN HOLLYWOOD

NUDISM AND IMMORALITY ON THE SCREEN

(By Cedric Belfrage)

London. Plenty of headaches are in store for the film censors in the New Year.

One of the first, and certainly the biggest, will be the "nudies." The "nudies," my friends, are no relation of the well-known library.

They are the new trend in cinematic art—films made in nudist colonies with all-naked casts.

What will the censor bureau do when the "nudies" appear in London?

Will it lay about in blind fury with an axe, chopping the well-exposed celluloid into small fragments? Will it license them for showing in cinemas where a mask is placed over the lower half of the projector?

Or will it merely give out a great big snore, turn over, and go back to sleep?

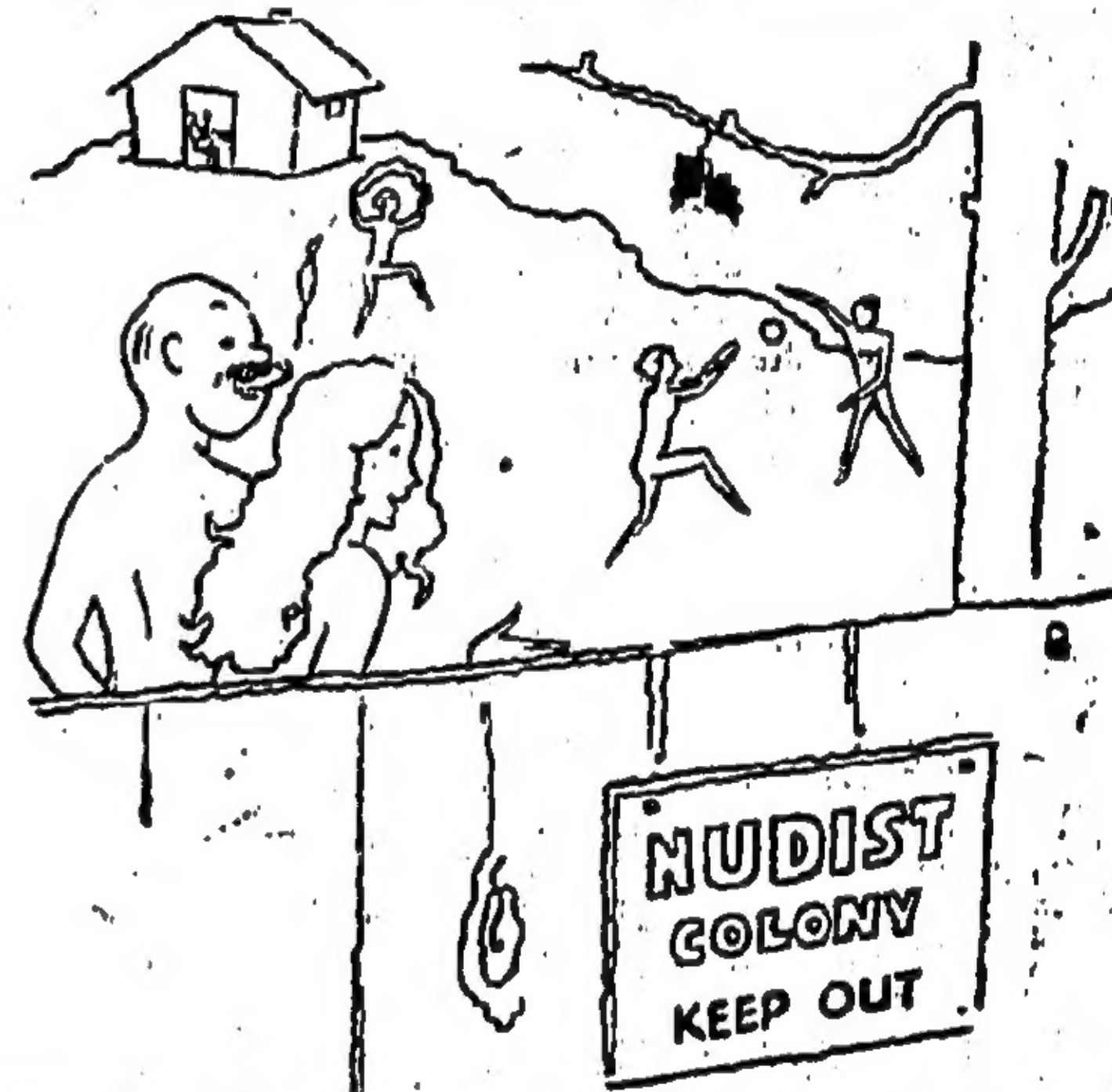
My Nudist Days

Personally I don't care very much. Most film stars already show more than I have the least desire to see.

And in any case I once spent a few days in a nudist colony myself—near Berlin it was, in the days before good, kind Adolf told Germany to keep its shirt on, or else.

A critic in the nude is a queer sight, they tell me. But I enjoyed myself immensely. I have been a confirmed booster of "nudism" (frightful word!) ever since.

But if you don't know the feeling



of being in nude society—and if the censors are sleepy enough—you will enjoy seeing the "nudies."

Two "nudie" films have already been made in America, and more are being planned.

The first one was called "Back to Nature," and was a mere "interest" film showing fleeing and far-off views of massed nudists galumphing about in their colony.

Perhaps you think it attracted long queues outside cinemas everywhere?

Well, you are absolutely right. But they do say that audiences were rather disappointed.

The latest "nudie," now showing all over America and giving greater value for money, is called "Elysia."

This was made by Brian Foy, a young director who started off with a bang in the early talkie days as a Warner Brothers megaphone ace, but lately has done little.

Foy is cleaning up a packet of dough with "Elysia."

Scoff And Pray

It is not a mere "interest" film, but a regular love story, in which all the characters are naked throughout.

They are skilfully photographed, frequently in close-up, with their backs to the camera or with trees and undergrowth growing in appropriate positions around them.

To make the film, Foy took a troupe of technicians to a California nudist camp known as "Elysia," and there they lived and worked in a becomingly undressed condition.

So greatly did the troupe enjoy the sensation that many of them who had previously been modest at the cult joined up as members before they left, and now spend their weekends there regularly.

Poor Mr. Foy is troubled because he says that every time "Elysia" is shown at a cinema it is returned

shorter than it was when it was delivered. The projectionists, it seems, cut pieces out to take home and show the family.

He has now been compelled to charge so much a foot for "Elysia" clippings, but in spite of that the copies get shorter and shorter.

Denuding The Stars

Interest in the nudist cults was freely aroused by the film.

A party of nudists was engaged to make a "personal appearance" on the stage of the Los Angeles Pantages Theatre, and even though they naturally had to dress up a bit for the occasion they drew the town.

And in Hollywood they are now discussing with great intensity the possibility of bringing nudism into the studios.

Producers believe that the great, wonderful public would pay freely to see their top line stars in the altogether.

And they don't see why, if Brian Foy can get away with it at a regular nudist camp, they shouldn't be allowed to feature their stars in studio-made "nudies."

Not For Mae

There are those not far from Queen Garbo's throne who say that Greta would not be averse to appearing in a "nudie," if it was "the right sort of film made as an artistic pioneering venture."

Greta has, of course, for years been a fanatical sun-bather, and

Naked Humour

Among other "nudies" that may be produced if Hollywood decides to go in for the altogether, is a "comedy of nudism" entitled "Barely Proper," according to a writer in the magazine "Hollywood."

This is apparently a play which has been produced with some success by nudist amateur dramatic clubs in America, and concerns a shy Englishman who finds himself landed with a nudist dance and nudist in-laws. What fun! It all sounds!

Well, if Hollywood does go "nudie" in a mighty way it won't be as violent a step as it sounds.

Already, in these musical extravaganzas which pour forth on our screens in an endless procession, they go about as near to complete nudity as makes no difference.

What times we do live in, to be sure!

"Sitting Pretty" the new one at the Plaza, goes one more step towards the altogether in its shots of massed chorines lying in heaps at the finale.

They have got a new dodge now of dressing up the girls in tinted cellophane, and putting coloured filters in front of the camera, which has an effect of making you think you see more than you really do.

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ITALY ALSO CRITICISED

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Britain's Memorandum Approved.

"IMMEDIATE DISARMAMENT NOT DRASTIC ENOUGH"

London, To-day.

Messages from European capitals indicate that the British memorandum on Disarmament is being closely studied by other Governments. Press comments telegraphed to London, admittedly based on first impressions, are, on the whole, by no means unfavourable.

The French and German newspapers are agreed that the memorandum is at least a practical and courageous effort to resolve the deadlock, although both find points—naturally enough, different points—against which they direct criticism. In both these countries, however, the view finds expression that the proposals may yet form a basis of agreement.

In Geneva, the document has been received with warm approval, and is regarded as skilfully designed to reconcile the Franco-German differences.

Britain's acceptance of permanent and automatic control is welcomed, and the proposal to write into the Disarmament Convention the provision for an immediate consultation "As to the steps to be taken" in the event of its breach, is recognised as an important contribution towards security involving for Great Britain a departure from traditional policy.

The importance of this contribution has not escaped the notice of the British press. Some English newspapers are also inclined to regret that the immediate measure of Disarmament proposed is not more drastic.

This particular criticism was, however, answered before it was offered, in the document itself, which pointed out that the proposals did not represent the British ideal, but were intended to form a practical basis for an agreement in the light of the views expressed by other Governments, the vital and primary consideration of the moment being to get an agreed convention which would at least prevent the deterioration of the international situation, while providing a scheme for the future and progressive stages of Disarmament.

The necessity of this is emphasised in the new Italian proposals which also agree with those of the British Government in at least two other important respects, namely, in regarding the British draft convention as continuing to provide a basis for discussion and in emphasising the importance of Germany's return to Geneva.

In the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, agreed to give time next Tuesday for discussion by the House of the British memorandum.—British Wireless Service.

WOMAN CAPTURES BURGLAR.

Wrestling Grip Lays Thief Low.

Belgrade.

Mrs. Stokonov does not give a rap for burglars. She is a member of the Yugo Slavonic National Gymnastic Association. When she discovered a burglar in her house busy packing her jewellery, clocks and silver into a large basket, she did not waste time in calling for the police.

She took the burglar by the scruff of the neck, got an armlock on him, threw him to the ground and bound him hand and foot.

Then she strolled over to a neighbour and asked him to get the police.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy, with probably some drizzle, and moderate north-easterly winds, is the forecast issued to-day by the Royal Observatory.

THEATRE COMPANIES COMPROMISE

Affairs Of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS POSTPONED

The adjourned annual general meeting of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd., was held this morning at the Queen's Theatre, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding. He was supported by Mr. C. S. Rossetti, Secretary, and the following: Messrs. Lo Kan, Ko Leung Hoe, Lee Ju-cheung and Ma Tui-chiu, Directors, and Messrs. G. K. Hall-Brutton, D. L. Strellet and D. M. Biggar, shareholders. After the Secretary had read the auditor's report, the Chairman said:—

I greatly regret that the Accounts disclose a loss in working. I would explain, however, that it was deemed necessary to extend the Company's fiscal year to June 30, 1933, instead of closing it at March 31 1933, and the consequent inclusion of three months' working, namely April, May and June, which covered an exceptionally bad period, has produced this result.

You will notice in the balance sheet, under the heading of Property Realisation Account, that an amount of \$146,078.34 has been realised by the disposal of properties, a sum which we expected to be at your disposal this year. Unfortunately, the transfer of our interests in subsidiary companies has resulted in litigation between this Company and United Theatres Inc., and the balance due to us, namely \$300,964.06, has not yet been received. In anticipation of an early settlement of this litigation the financial year was extended, as stated, but your Directors much regret that settlement of this matter is still pending.

I am pleased to say, however, that since we met last a compromise has been reached, which subject will have to be submitted to you at an extraordinary general meeting for your approval.

I now beg to propose that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the 15 months ended June 30, 1933, be adopted.

Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton seconded.

Election Adjourned.

Before the motion was put to the meeting, Mr. D. L. Strellet proposed that the election of Directors and all business attached to it be adjourned sine die. Mr. Biggar seconded the proposal, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Noronha then proposed that the Directors' report and Statement of Accounts with Mr. Strellet's amendment be passed, and Mr. Hall-Brutton having already seconded the motion, it was put to meeting and passed.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis, the retiring Auditors, were elected at a remuneration of \$750.

THIEF STEALS TROUSSEAU.

But Leaves Red Flannel Underwear.

Denver, Colorado.

The story, and the way little Nell Davis of Longmont, Colorado told it, brought tears to the eyes of the hard-crusted police sergeant.

Nell, slightly less than 20, and her fiancé came to Denver to buy her trousseau. They spent all but their last shilling on it—placed the bundles in their dilapidated car and then went to get a drink.

When they came back only a package containing red flannel underwear—for the bridegroom—had been left by the thief.—Reuter.

WORLD'S LARGEST FLAG

500 Square Yard Emblem At Rome Exhibition

A flag measuring 500 square yards—probably the largest in the world—is flying over an exhibition of futuristic art in Rome.

It has been hoisted on a flag pole—probably the tallest in the world—rising 180 feet above the exhibition building.—Reuter.

CONSTABLE HURT BY CAR

Knocked Down And Foot Injured.

EUROPEAN DRIVER MAKES REPORT OF ACCIDENT

Mr. C. E. Holmes, of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, while driving from Bonham Road up Park Road at about 1 a.m. yesterday, knocked down a Chinese constable who suddenly appeared in the roadway in front of the car.

In his report to the Police Mr. Holmes states that he swerved to the right, but was unable to avoid striking the man and knocking him down. On stopping, he found that a wheel had passed over the constable's foot. The constable would not give his name or number and refused to go either to the police station or hospital.

The constable subsequently made a report of the occurrence at the Upper Level police station at 4 a.m., when he was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS.

Junk Attacked Near Ninepin Islands.

\$10,000 WORTH OF LOOT CAPTURED.

The report of a mass attack by 80 pirates in 16 small fishing boats on a Chinese passenger junk off San Mun Customs Point, near the Ninepin Islands, on Wednesday, has just been received in the Colony.

The brief report states that the pirates, who were armed with rifles and revolvers, boarded the junk and made away with \$10,000 in money, jewellery and property.

WOMAN ATTACKED WITH CHOPPER

Serious Condition Of Victim.

HUSBAND REMANDED

Arrested in Queen's Road Central, opposite the Queen's Theatre, following an attack on his wife with a chopper, Fung Po Wan, described as a commission agent, was charged before Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Chan Lai Ching.

Accused admitted the offence. Detective Inspector Murphy, in asking for a week's remand, said that the woman was lying in a serious condition, with a fractured skull, at the Government Civil Hospital.

Accused was remanded in police custody.

DEATH OF FAMOUS AERONAUT.

Mr. Walter Wellman.

TRANS-ATLANTIC BALLOON FLIGHT ATTEMPT.

New York, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of Walter Wellman, who in October 1910 attempted the first trans-Atlantic flight in a balloon, starting from Atlantic City with six companions.

The balloon was forced down in the sea after having travelled 1,000 miles, the aeronauts being rescued by a passing steamer.—Reuter.

To-day's Short Story.

THE CHILD SPY

By Alphonse Daudet.

HIS name was Stenne, little Stenne.

He was a child of Paris, sickly and pale, who might have been ten years old, perhaps fifteen; with those urchins one can never tell. His mother was dead; his father, formerly in the army, was keeper of a square in the Temple quarter. Babies, nurses, old ladies in reclining-chairs, poor mothers, all of toddling Paris that seeks shelter from vehicles in those flower-gardens bordered by paths, knew Father Stenne and adored him. They knew that beneath that rough moustache, the terror of dogs and of loiterers, lay concealed a kind, melting, almost maternal smile, and that, in order to see that smile one had only to ask the good man: "How's your little boy?"

Father Stenne was so fond of his boy! He was so happy in the afternoon, after school, when the little fellow came for him and they made together the circuit of the paths, stopping at each bench to salute the occupants and to answer their kind words.

Unfortunately, with the siege everything changed. Father Stenne's square was closed, petroleum was stored there, and the poor man, forced to keep watch all the time, passed his life among the deserted and neglected shrubs, alone, unable to smoke, and without the company of his boy except very late at night, at home.

So that you should have seen his moustache when he mentioned the Prussians. As for little Stenne, he did not complain very much of that new life.

A siege! It is such an amusing thing for urchins. No school! No lessons! Vacation all the time and the street like a fair.

The child stayed out of doors, wandering about until night. He followed the battalions of the quarter when they went to the fortifications, choosing by preference those which had a good band; and upon that subject little Stenne was well posted. He could tell you that the

NAPOLEONIC STYLE BANQUET.

Feature Of Congress In Prague.

Prague.

A banquet in the style of the Napoleonic period will be held here during the Napoleonic Congress, which has just started. Original and famous recipes from contemporary cookery books will be used.

The Congress has been organised by the Napoleon Societies of various countries, and an exhibition of loans has been arranged.

These include the gilt coffee service used by the Emperor during the Russian campaign, a service of Bohemian glass used on St. Helena, and many relics from the Museum of Austerlitz, now Slavkov, which is in Czechoslovakian territory.—Reuter.

JANUARY RAINFALL IN HONG KONG

The rainfall for the month of January, registered at the Botanic Gardens, amounted to 41 of an inch. The largest amount recorded in any one day was 28 of an inch, on January 16.



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(Low in the London Evening Standard)

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The Child Spy

(Continued from Page 5.)

Alas! it was not with cold that little Stenne was trembling—it was with fear, with shame. In the guard-house they found several soldiers crouching about a paltry fire, a genuine widow's fire, by the heat of which they were thawing out biscuits on the points of their bayonets. They moved closer together to make room for the children. They gave them a little coffee. While they were drinking, an officer came to the door, called the sergeant, spoke to him in an undertone and hurried away.

"My boys," said the sergeant, returning with a radiant face, "there will be something up to-night. They have found out the Prussian's counter-aim. I believe that this time we shall capture that infernal Bourget again."

There was an explosion of cheers and laughter. They danced and sang and brandished their sword-bayonets; and the children, taking advantage of the tumult, disappeared.

When they had passed the railway there was nothing before them but a level plain, and in the distance a long, blank wall, riddled with loopholes. It was towards that wall that they bent their steps, stooping constantly to make it appear they were picking up potatoes.

"Let's go back, let's not go," said little Stenne again and again.

The other shrugged his shoulders and kept on. Suddenly they heard the click of a gun being cocked.

"Lie down!" said the tall fellow, throwing himself on the ground.

When they were down he whistled. Another whistle answered over the snow. They crawled on. In front of the wall, level with the ground, appeared a pair of yellow moustaches beneath a soiled cap. The tall youth jumped into the trench, beside the Prussian.

"This is my brother," he said, pointing to his companion.

Little Stenne was so little that at the sight of him the Prussian began to laugh, and he was obliged to take him in his arms to lift him up to the breach.

On the other side of the wall were great piles of earth, felled trees, black holes in the snow, and in each hole the same dirty cap and the same yellow moustaches, leering when they saw the children pass.

In the corner was a gardener's house, casemated with trunks of trees. The lower room was full of soldiers, playing cards and cooking soup over a big, blazing fire. The cabbages and pork smelled good. What a contrast to the bivouac of the sharpshooters! Above were the officers. They could hear them playing the piano and opening champagne. When the Parisians entered a joyous cheer greeted them. They produced their newspapers; then they were given drink and were induced to talk. All the officers had a haughty and disdainful manner; but the tall youth amused them with his bourgeois wit, his street Arab's vocabulary.

They laughed, repeated his phrases after him, and wallowed with delight in the Parisian mud which he brought them.

Little Stenne would have liked to talk too, to prove that he was not

stupid, but something embarrassed him. Opposite him, apart from the rest, was an older and graver Prussian, who was reading, or rather seemed to be reading, for his eyes did not leave little Stenne. Affection and reproach were in his glance, as if he had at home a child of the same age as Stenne, and as if he were saying to himself:

"I would rather die than see my son engaged in such business."

From that moment Stenne felt as if it were a hand resting on his heart, which prevented it from beating.

To escape that torture, he began to drink. Soon everything about him whirled around. He heard vaguely, amid loud laughter, his comrade making fun of the National Guards, of their manner of drilling; he imitated a call to arms in the Marias a night alarm on the ramparts. Then the tall fellow lowered his voice, the officers drew nearer to him, and their faces became serious. The villain was warning them of the attack of the sharpshooters.

At that little Stenne sprang to his feet in a rage, thoroughly sober: "Not that! I won't have it!"

But the other simply laughed and kept on. Before he had finished all the officers were standing. One of them pointed to the door and said to the children:

"Clear out!"

And they began to talk among themselves very rapidly, in German. The tall youth went out as proud as a prince, fingering his money. Stenne followed him, hanging his head; and when he passed the Prussian whose glance had embarrassed him so he heard a sad voice say:

"Not a nice thing to do, that. Not a nice thing."

Tears came to his eyes. Once in the field the children began to run and returned quickly to the city. Their bag was full of potatoes which the Prussians had given them. With them they passed unhindered to the trench of the sharpshooters. There they were preparing for the night attack. Troops came up silently and massed behind the walls. The old sergeant was there, busily engaged in posting his men, with such a happy expression. When the children passed he recognised them, and bestowed a pleasant smile upon them.

Oh! how that smile hurt little Stenne! For a moment he was tempted to call out:

"Don't go there; we have betrayed you."

Ticket for One-Woman Parade

No wonder pretty Frances Drake, movie actress, looks indignant. That paper the policeman is handing her is a ticket. Hiding her horse through the streets of Hollywood was held to be a parade and a law violation.



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Washington.
To help Cuba to chart a course which will lead her away from debt and depression, the American Government has appointed two experts to go to Havana forthwith as advisers to the United States Embassy there.
The men selected are Mr. Adolf A. Berle, Jr., legal adviser to the Farm Adjustment Administration on the proposed sugar stabilization agreement, and Mr. John Laylin, former special assistant to ex-Under-Secretary Dean Acheson of the Treasury.
Their job, as defined by the Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, will be to make a thorough appraisal and analysis of the essential phases of financial and economic conditions in Cuba to guide the American Government as developments calling for co-operation come along.

The two big economic problems facing the Cuban Government are its heavy indebtedness abroad and the plight of the market for Cuban sugar.
Official circles already have indicated that some of the Cuban debt owed in this country will have to be scaled down. The Administration also is working actively to allocate the sugar market in a manner that will assist the Cuban industry to regain its feet.

Mr. Berle has been working on the sugar problem in his capacity as legal adviser to the Farm Adjustment Administration, and his continuance in that capacity has been challenged on the ground he was associated with Mr. Charles W. Taussig of New York in the operation of refineries on the island.

Mr. Hull said in answer to a question that so far as he could see there was no relationship between Mr. Berle's connection with sugar and the work for which he has been designated at Havana.

Officials emphasize that the experts are going as advisers to the American Embassy and to the Cuban Government itself.
Their efforts, however, are designed to open the way for possible co-operation with the Cuban Government and to help it put the island on a firm economic basis.—Reuter.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The s.s. Takada will leave for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on or about Sunday, February 4.

Confessed Slaying



"She told lies about me. I lost my temper and did it." That is how 12-year-old Mary Kavala (above) told of strangling her 3-year-old playmate, Josephine Worropay, at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. Two men were being held as suspects when the girl admitted the crime.

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Kilted uniforms are to be worn by the members of "the first Peace Army in the world"—the "Scottish Defence Force"—which is being directed by a woman.
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"The 'Scottish Defence Force' is an off-shoot of the Democratic Scottish Self Government Association and has sprung up in Eastern Scotland.—Reuter.

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The order followed a complaint that the same team of horses was being used 60 hours a week by two drivers on two 30-hour shifts.—Reuter.

FILMS OF NUDIST COLONIES

(Continued from Page 8).

The ingenuity of these leg-show tycoons is just endless.
Then, as the next step, we shall have the first picture featuring Sally Rand, the obscure film actress who made herself rich and famous overnight with her "fan dance" at the Chicago World's Fair.

Sally is already at work at the Paramount studios, with a fantastic salary as reward for her enterprise in taking off more than any American dancer had ever taken off before in public, and getting herself arrested for it.

What Price Glory?
A few months ago Sally was a nobody. Now she is one of America's most-talked-of women.

Such is her standing that she is able to throw the heavy star-temperament act at a studio where a year ago she probably could not have got a job walking on.

Last week Sally is reported to have walked off the set in a buff. Her fan dance had been remodelled for movie consumption, but that she did not mind.

What annoyed her was the discovery that she only had three lines to speak in the whole film. She had not been hired to say things, but to do things.

When they started to cut Sally's dance as well as her dialogue, she folded up her fans and tanked she'd go home.

Don't you think she was right, girls? You can't treat an artist like that, now can you?

They're Awake.
Do not imagine that the morality bureau are sleeping while all this goes on.

In England the censors are getting gruff about what they regard as "the increasing tendency to exploit nudity and immorality" on the screen.

In America the producers, who have hitherto kept the flag flying by hiring Will Hays to maintain order, are threatened with immediate Federal censorship under the new N.R.A. Code unless they "clean their house" forthwith.

The trouble is, of course, that nobody can agree with anybody else as to what constitutes censorable screen material.

A party of indignant housewives in Los Angeles have declared the belief that the "nudist" films of life in the bareback colonies ought to be stopped.

They have extracted a promise from District Attorney Fitts that no nudist colonies will be allowed in Los Angeles County. But they have not been able to remove the films which they condemn as immoral.

Tastes Differ
Others claim, with what seems to be considerably more sense, that all-nude films would be moral compared with the suggestive half-dressed affairs currently made in Hollywood.

Some say that Mae West is a menace to public morality. Others say she is a spiritual tonic. Others think she is just a bore.

For weeks now conferences have been going on in Washington about it, but still no conclusion is reached.
"What is dirt?" says jesting Roosevelt, and waits for an answer, but doesn't get one.

"Dirt," orated one expert, described as a "nationally known psychologist," is an elusive thing—I would say that as it pertains to the screen it defies definition. It is something that must be felt instinctively. Words are unavailing."

This weighty dictum was considered for some minutes by the furrow-browed conference. Then up spake a leader of American cinema owners.

"If the producers don't know what dirt is," he said, "President Roosevelt will soon let them know."

"I'll tell you what dirt is. Dirt is dirt. There are no two ways about it."

So there the matter rests at present.

Two Extremes
The most confusing element of the whole affair is, of course, that the great current screen successes are extreme sophistication and extreme purity, running neck and neck.

While Mae West backs them in everywhere with her hip-swinging and "double entendre" dialogue, "Little Women," a story beside which "Peter Pan" is like something by James Joyce, is also proving a box-office bonanza of almost unprecedented proportions.

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THE CHILD SPY

(Continued from Page 10.)

Never had Father Stenne been so joyous and so good-humoured as when he returned that night. News had been received from the provinces: affairs were looking better. As he ate, the old soldier looked at his musket hanging on the wall, and said to the child with his hearty laugh:
"I say, my boy, how you would go at the Prussians if you were big!"
About eight o'clock they heard cannon.

"That is Aubervilliers. They are fighting at Bourget," said the good man, who knew all the forts. Little Stenne turned pale, and on the plea that he was very tired, he went to bed, but he did not sleep. The cannon still roared. He imagined the sharpshooters arriving in the dark to surprise the Prussians and themselves falling.

shows nobody seems to know.
Certainly it is mere waste of breath to scream, as Walford Beaton of the "Hollywood Spectator" is now doing, that the success of "Little Women" proves the public is tired of sophisticated films.

In face of Mae West's contemporaneous success, how can such a claim be made?

Watch For It
The public wants ... the public doesn't want ... who on earth can say? The public is a queer plate of fish, and that's about all there is to it.

Anyway, prepare for the fight between purity and the other thing between film producers and censors that is certain to be staged during this New Year.

Whoever wins and whatever majestically unadorned are uttered by either side, it will be a good show for us chaps on the side lines.—London Daily Mail.

into an ambush. He remembered the sergeant who had smiled at him, and he saw him stretched out on the snow, and many others with him. The price of all that blood was concealed there under his pillow, and it was he, the son of Monsieur Stenne of a soldier—tears choked him. In the adjoining room he heard his father walk to the window and open it. Below on the square the recall was sounding, and a battalion was forming to leave the city. Evidently it was a real battle. The unhappy child could not restrain a sob.

"What's the matter with you?" asked Father Stenne as he entered the room.

"The child could not stand it any longer; he leaped out of bed and threw himself at his father's feet. At the movement that he made the silver pieces rolled on the floor.

"What is all this? Have you been stealing?" demanded the old man, trembling.

Thereupon, without pausing for breath, little Stenne told him that he had been to the Prussian quarters and of what he had done there.

As he spoke, his heart felt freer; it relieved him to accuse himself. Father Stenne listened, with a terrible face. When it was at an end he hid his face in his hands and wept.

"Father, father—" the child began.

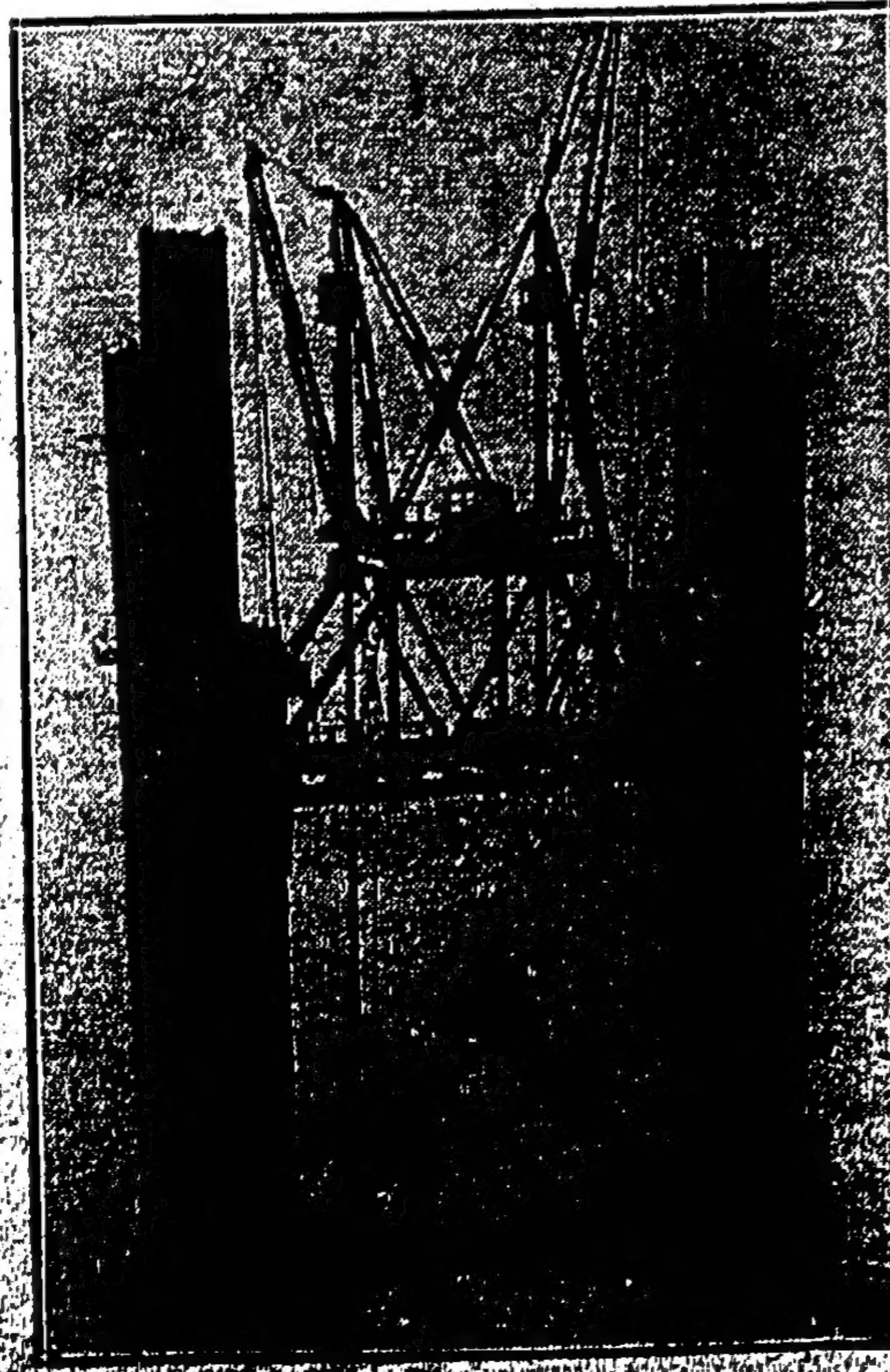
The old man pushed him away without replying, and picked up the money.

"Is this all?" he asked.
Little Stenne motioned that it was all. The old man took down his musket and cartridge-box, and said as he put the money in his pocket:

"All right; I am going to return it to them."

And without another word, without even turning his head, he went down and joined the Prussians who were marching away in the dark. He was never seen again.

Bridging the Golden Gate



According to the building plan which construction is progressing on the Golden Gate Bridge, the tower, situated in Marin County, Calif., is nearing completion. The tower will support the north end of the 1,900-foot span that will bridge the famous Golden Gate.



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REVERTING TO THE GOLD
STANDARD

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Testifying before the United States Senate Banking Committee, the well-known political Mr. Irving Fisher, yesterday urged a still further revision of the monetary system proposing a Federal authority which would take from the Federal Reserve the power of issuing currency.

He said that the Federal Reserve had been tried and found wanting.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

**MINISTER'S TOUR
ABANDONED.**

**Colonial Secretary To
Return To England.**

London, To-day.
A telegram received by the Colonial Office from the Governor of Kenya yesterday stated that Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, the Colonial Secretary, had had a good night and was holding his own.

All engagements made for his present tour must now be regarded as cancelled. He will return to England as soon as he is fit to travel.—British Wireless Service.

COMMODITY DOLLAR
ABANDONED

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The review adds that the Gold Act abandons the commodity dollar and that its success depends solely on the Treasury's ability to exercise its powers wisely and without inviting inflation.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

**GOLD SHARES BOOM
IN LONDON.**

**Keen Bidding Continued
In Street Markets.**

London To-day.
In British Stock markets, yesterday gold shares were extremely active throughout the day, and after closing, British bidding continued in the street markets with further gains.

Prices of typical stocks were: Crown Mines, 10 13/16; Rands 6 3/8. Trans-Atlantics were also in demand.

British Government stocks closed firm, with War Loan, 3 1/2 per cent., at 101 11/16.—British Wireless Service.

MASS MARCH ON LONDON

Huge Unemployment
Demonstration.

HOME SECRETARY QUESTIONED
IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether steps would be taken to prevent the large-scale unemployed demonstration which was being organised to take place in London this month, the Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour, replied that there was no provision in the existing law by which the procession could be prevented from marching into London, provided they were orderly and well behaved.

He added that the right to hold peaceful meetings was one of the most cherished rights of the people, but if it were to be abused in such a way as to lead inevitably to disorder or public disturbance, the Government would ask Parliament for such powers as experience might show to be necessary to deal with such demonstrations.

Asked if he was aware that march, of which the proposed demonstration is to be the culmination, was a cruel exploitation of the unemployed, the Home Secretary returned no answer.—British Wireless Service.



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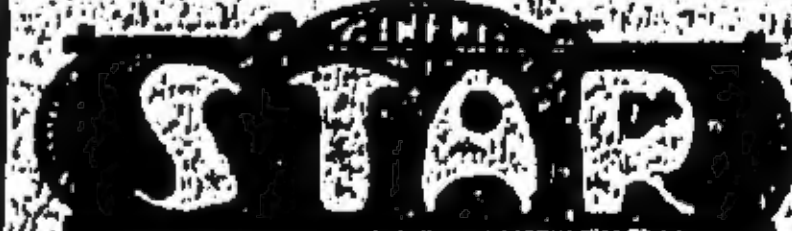
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